

# MAJORS ALTER PLAYING FORM

Many Startling Changes in Records Compared With Last Year Evident.

New York, May 22.—A number of notable changes are apparent in the playing form of the major league clubs at the close of the first month of the pennant season when the records are compared with those of a year ago. This is particularly true of the batting averages of the teams, as well as the speed on the bases. Some allowance must be made for the fact that the inclement weather of the present spring has been the cause of more postponed games than was the case in 1915. This feature, however, is not sufficient to account for the radical changes in the standing of a number of clubs as are shown by the accompanying figures.

In the National League, the Brooklyn club is leading the senior association with a batting average of .357, whereas a year ago the Superbas were seventh with .242. Chicago, which was first 22 months ago, is at present in fifth place with .349, which is about 20 points lower than in 1915. The Cubs also show a falling off in stolen bases, for they suffered less than a third of the number that they registered in the same period a year ago. If the figures for the present season can be relied upon there has been considerably less activity on the base lines to date than was the case last season for the league average in stolen bases in 1915 was 34 to 2, for the first month of this year's race play.

Among the American league clubs, Washington has shown the greatest improvement. The Nationals are holding second place in team batting with .348, while a year ago they were last with .211. The Philadelphia Athletics, batting .319 in 1915, are last, at present, with .216. Cleveland, although leading the league, is nine points below the figure which gave her fourth place at this time last spring.

There is not the marked difference in the league averages of stolen bases that is apparent in the National league, for the records of 1915 show that the eight clubs had averaged 29 stolen bases last season to 23 for the first month of the present race. For the purpose of comparison the records for the first month of both 1915 and 1916 are appended:

National League, 1915.

| Club         | B.A. | S.R. |
|--------------|------|------|
| Brooklyn     | .357 | 21   |
| Chicago      | .349 | 25   |
| Cincinnati   | .342 | 25   |
| New York     | .338 | 29   |
| Philadelphia | .331 | 21   |
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## "Beck's" Amen Corner

BY "BECK."

CIRCULATION managers of the local papers will likely have charge of the receipts of the benefit smoker for Mike Julian at the Texas-Grand on Saturday night. The suggestion for such supervision came from the soldier boxers who are taking part and met with ready approval from the newsboys' committee in charge.

TWO army bands are available for the newsboy benefit on Saturday night but the union musicians have not yet consented to the military bands taking part.

SOME time ago it was announced that Fred Fulton would participate in three bouts in New York. The first was with Al Reich. We haven't heard about the second yet but, judging by reports from the big town, the second will be like the core of the small boy's apple.

BAEREND and Muskopf have put up some corking good fistic battles at the Camp Cotton entertainments of the past and their clash on Saturday night at the newsboy benefit should be a classy affair. These men rank high in pugilistic circles and can hold their own with the average professionals so their bout is certain to draw a big crowd.

SINCE Cleveland got hold of Chick Gandil and Tris Speaker and the fans have had a taste of victory, they are getting real ambitious. The latest report is that the new owner, James Dunn of Chicago, is seeking to buy Walter Johnson, the famous flinger of the Washington team. This fellow Dunn seems to be some real fan himself and is willing to spend a few dollars to get a good club for the Sixth City.

WALTER JOHNSON isn't the only big gun in the pitching line with the Senators this year. Harry Harper didn't look "such a much" last year but he is sure moving opposing teams down this season. He scored another shutout, Monday, letting the White Sox down with four hits.

HERE'S a promoter who, at least, is frank! L. J. Shroyer writes from Socorro for "a list of the 150-pound 'ham' and fighters around El Paso who want a match with John 'Lefty' Floyd, either May 30 or July 4 at Socorro." Come on, fellows, get busy!

A. E. Eronine, charged with swindling, was found not guilty.

ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF

SULLIVAN HAS NEW CAR

Assistant chief John T. Sullivan of the fire department Tuesday morning was provided with a new roadster in which he will answer alarms in future. The new roadster, a light speedy car, will be equipped with chemicals, a door opener, and an axe, according to fire chief John W. Wray, and will be in charge of the assistant chief alone. The car was added to the equipment in the Central station at the request of chief Wray to the city council.

The new automobile was specially equipped by the Tri-State Motor company.

POLICE RETURN RIFLES TAKEN

FROM STORE IN JANUARY

Seventeen rifles, a number of pistols and a quantity of ammunition were taken charge of by the police, following the Santa Feabel massacre, last January, were returned to a hardware company at 415 South El Paso street, Tuesday morning by police chief Don Johnson.

When the arms and ammunition were taken by the officers it was agreed that they would be returned after the intense feeling between Americans and Mexicans in the city had abated.

A. ROMO IS IN JAIL

ON INSANITY CHARGE

A. Romo, arrested Monday afternoon on a vagrancy charge by a special officer in the T. & P. railway yards, was transferred to the county jail by the police Tuesday morning for safe keeping, after he had, it is said, developed symptoms of insanity. While confined in the city jail, he was taken to officers, appeared to have lost his mind.

CORONER FINDS MARTINEZ BOY

WAS ACCIDENTALLY DROWNED

Accidental drowning was the verdict rendered by coroner J. M. Deaver Monday afternoon after investigation of the death of 8-year old Eustacio Martinez, whose body was found early Monday morning in the Franklin canal near the Seventh infantry camp. The body was removed to the J. J. Kaster undertaking parlors where brief funeral services were held Monday afternoon. Interment was made in Concordia cemetery.

TO BUILD NEW BUNGALOW IN

GOVERNMENT HILL SECTION

Walter Spiller, who has just bought from the Government Hill company, through the Greel Realty company, lots 21 and 22, in block 65, in Government Hill, has ordered a six room bungalow with a patio inside.

Fred Muller has sold to B. Beeman a four room bungalow on Montana avenue in block 35. The price was \$2500. Mr. Muller has also sold to P. Puyana a four room bungalow in block 65 on Montana street, for the same price. The Greel Realty company negotiated the sales.

BOY RUN OVER BY WAGON

REPORTED TO BE IMPROVING

Leo Carson, the 14 year old youth who was seriously hurt Monday morning when he was run over by an empty meat wagon owned by the Nations Meat company at Ochoa and Texas streets, was reported to be in an improved condition Tuesday afternoon. It was stated at the home of the boy in Hadlock place that he passed a restful night and was doing as well as could be expected. He sustained three broken ribs, a punctured lung and severe bruises.

BOXING card for the newsboys' benefit next Saturday night has now been completed. There will be four six-round bouts and a four-round curtain raiser. The business end of the benefit will be supervised by representatives of the circulation departments of the daily papers and every cent taken in will go to Mike Julian, the legless newsboy. The cause is a good one and a record crowd should attend as the entertainment is of a unique nature for El Paso and local boxing fans have long been bemoaning the lack of bouts.

WHEN Jack Smith, the former Pirate catcher but now a tire salesman in Dallas, was in town the other day, he proved a real booster for Benny Kauff and made the assertion that Benny had been in every league game played by the Giants this year. Jack backed his assertions with real money and promised to investigate when he got back to Dallas. However, he has not peeped yet and his local friends believe that he is still wearing out his eyes trying to find Kauff's name in the Giants' batting order for the game of May 10.

THOSE who missed the exhibition by Capt. A. H. Hardy on Sunday can see the expert rifle, shotgun and revolver shot in action on the Paso City Gun club's traps on Sunday morning. The genial captain has accepted the invitation of the officers of the club to remain over for a week.

CLAUD GRAHAM manages to get into a game with St. Joseph occasionally and he finished the pitching battle of Monday after Hovik was relieved to let a pinch hitter work. It is impossible to tell much about Graham's work until the box score is available.

WHAT Commercial league team can take the measure of the Wals club? The Mexicans are certainly traveling at a fast pace. They have the fielders and the pitchers, even though they have not been consistently heavy hitters.

TED LEWIS has been offered \$25,000 for ten bouts in Australia and is "considering the offer." There's a lot of us who wouldn't have to do much "considering."

STATES ARE SENDING GOLD

AND SILVER TO CARRANZA

Mexican consul Andres G. Garcia has received the following telegram from the bureau of information of the de facto government in Mexico City:

All states are sending taxes collected in gold and silver to the national treasury pursuant to the order of the first chief, where the specie will be exchanged for new paper money. The specie will be held in a reserve behind the currency. The states of Hidalgo, Guanajuato and Zacatecas already have sent \$5,000 pesos in gold, mostly received as mining taxes.

The governor of Colima reports he is restoring community lands to former owners who were illegally deprived of them during the Diaz administration.

"Gov. Ezequiel Mireles, of Coahuila, is formulating equitable laws to govern labor questions. Also he has promulgated decrees fixing prices for the necessities of life, allowing dealers reasonable profits, but preventing extortion."

Gen. Calles and Gov. de la Huerta have arranged to allot 1,000,000 pesos in gold for educational purposes and support of the many schools established since the success of the revolution in that state. More than 20 engineers are surveying and subdividing lands in Sonora to be distributed among poor people who are willing to cultivate them and making restrictions to prevent speculators acquiring the lands.

The state of Yucatan has established an official commission to safeguard the exploration of public lands and the shipment of chic, rubber and other products which may be escaping the payment of adequate taxes to the governments.

MAYOR LEA WILL ADDRESS

SOCORRO SCHOOL OF MINES

Socorro, N. M., May 22.—The term of the new session school of mines which will come to a close on May 25 has been the most successful in its history. Among the improvements that have been added to the educational plant are three new buildings and new electrical lighting and power equipment.

Commencement exercises will be held in the assembly room on the evening of the 25th. Mayor Tom Lea of El Paso will deliver the commencement address. Dancing will follow the ceremonies.

UNIVERSITY CLUBMEN TALK

OF ORGANIZING HALL TEAM

At the regular weekly luncheon of the University club held in its club rooms in the Plaza Hotel Monday afternoon, the members of the organization of a baseball club were discussed and received the approval of a majority of those present.

There were no special guests at the luncheon. The club has been dropped the movement for a citizens' military training camp at Fort Bliss, since army officers have called it off.

DAIRYMEN FINED \$25

HAD ICE IN MILK CHARGE

Arrested on a charge of violating the city milk ordinance, J. Molina was fined \$25 Monday afternoon in corporation court by judge Paul Thomas. Molina was arrested Monday afternoon following a call by police officers who by city health officers that he was selling watered milk, a piece of ice being found in a tub of milk at his dairy, according to the officers.

MEXICANS WHO TOOK CHEWING

GUM ARE FINED \$10 EACH

Felipe Navarro and Manuel Lopez, arrested Sunday morning by city detectives in connection with a theft of a quantity of chewing gum, were fined \$10 each by judge Paul Thomas in corporation court Monday afternoon. Both defendants declared that they had found the gum in a glass jar. Navarro paid his fine, but Lopez was remanded to jail.

GET TEN RECRUITS

Las Cruces, New Mexico, May 22.—The officers of the local New Mexico militia who were left here to get recruits secured them by left last night for Columbus. Some of the number were members of the militia who arrived too late to go with the company. Dave Candler came from here to Tucson, where he had been working for the United States land office and was 60 miles from a railroad when Harold Hague was called from some point in Arizona.

## GUILTY FEELINGS ON THE GOLF COURSE---BRIGGS



## Cleveland Team Works In Harmony

Team Play Is The Strong Feature

BY FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, May 22.—Lee Fohl declares—but not boastfully—that his Indian crew is on top of the American league heap because it has been playing championship baseball.

"Team work is the real secret of our success so far," asserts the manager of the Cleveland squad. "The boys all are playing together. Individual stardom is an unknown quantity with us now. And best of all, the utmost harmony prevails. When you get such a combination you usually find a team that is near the top."

"Our pitchers are going good. Some of them think they will crack later on. It wouldn't surprise me if they pitched even better baseball when warmer weather comes. Two or three of my slammers are 'hot day' pitchers. They have been able to win games in near zero weather and hold the opposition to a small number of hits and runs."

Get Some of the Breaks.

"Yes, we have been getting some of the breaks. But I don't think that part of baseball! Furthermore, we haven't had more than our share. To some folks it seems that a few of our victories have been lucky. But those who have analyzed our record find that most of the so-called luck we have had has been nothing else but the seizing of an opportunity when it offered and then riding through on it to victory."

"Those who say everything has broken well are overlooking the fact that Ray Chapman, our shortstop, has been laid up with a bad knee. Chapman ranks as one of the best shortfielders in the game. This loss naturally has weakened us to some extent, although Wamburg has filled in the gap very well."

Don't Think of Pennant.

"Are you fellows nourishing pennant hopes?" we asked. "No, we don't think about it now. It's a day's ball game," answered Fohl. "We aren't dealing in futures. Our business is that of the present. We are going after every game just as if that one game meant the pennant. That's the only way."

"How about Speaker? How much has his presence meant?"

"Much was Fohl's reply. "Before the coming of Tris the team itself ranked only ordinary. But when Tris got into the lineup it acted like an electric vibrator on the rest of the boys. They knew what Tris could do. They knew about his wonderful fielding skill and about his great hitting. Then they sat down and figured their chances."

Without Speaker the boys figured they might be in the fight with Speaker they decided they would be in it. Tris filled them with pep and fighting spirit—and the result is apparent now in the standing of the club."

Have Drawn 94,000.

The Indians in 15 home games so far this season have drawn 94,000. Their total home attendance in 1915 was 154,000. Should they 20 home from their eastern trip in first place, it is certain that during the following ten games the attendance surely will total beyond 83,000. That would mean that the attendance for 20 games in 1916 would be greater than for all the home contests last season.

As a road attraction the Indians are the real thing in the Johnson circuit just now. If they keep on drawing at the present rate, they will have played more abroad by June 1 than they did in all their road games a year ago.

And, in the meantime, Jim Dunn, the new owner of the club is smiling a smile that continues to linger.

O'KEEFE LOSES FIGHT

AND PENSION FOR LIFE

London, Eng., May 22.—The British middleweight champion, pugilist, Pat O'Keefe, lost his match with Benjamin Blake at the National Sporting club Sunday night. Had O'Keefe won he could have gained through a pension of one pound a week for life.

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Hughes Led in Vermont.

Montpelier, Vt., May 22.—Official returns on the result of the presidential preference primary held in this state May 16 show that justice Hughes and the republican ticket with 5480 votes. Col. Roosevelt received 1821 votes on the republican ticket, and 1415 as the Progressive party candidate.

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To Fly Over Atlantic.

Norfolk, Va., May 22.—A large hangar to house Rodman Wanamaker's big airship, the America, which will begin tests here soon preliminary to an attempt to cross the Atlantic, is completed at the Atlantic coast aeronautical station. Officials said the transatlantic flight probably would be started in October or November.

MONITION: Notice is hereby given that there have been seized in this collection district, for violation of the U. S. Custom laws, 2 bay mules, 1 blue-gray horse, and 1 roan horse which will be sold at the U. S. Custom House, May 21, 1916, at 10:00 a. m. Anyone claiming the property is required to appear within the time prescribed by law. Zach Lamar Cobb, Collector of Customs.

Lumber Rates Held Unreasonable. Washington, D. C., May 22.—Combination rates on lumber from points in

## OLD FIGHTING SPIRIT

IS INSTILLED IN YALE

New York, May 22.—Coach Tad Jones appears to have resurrected the old Yale fighting spirit in Eli football, if spring training can be taken as a criterion. Among the casualties on the field of practice is one case of concussion of the brain while another player is laid up with a broken leg, to say nothing of numerous minor abrasions.

Harvard and Princeton, reading between the lines, should be in a state of preparedness in November for the old-fashioned Yale onslaught.

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ington railroad and savings bank company to Montana, South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota and Nebraska were found today by the Interstate Commerce commission to be unreasonable and prejudicial. The railroads were given until September 1 to establish lower rates.

Dr. Ebert, dentist, 216-218 Mills Bldg.

Dr. Anna Reum, Buckner Bldg. over Elite

McLenas Pharmacy gives Mer. coupons.

Riffles T. & P. Mail Car.

Shreveport, La., May 22.—A mail car on a Texas and Pacific railroad train en route from New Orleans to Fort Worth, was entered by a masked man shortly after 10 o'clock Monday night as the train was leaving Grand Cane, a station about 20 miles south of here.

The robber, at the point of a pistol, placed empty mail sacks over the heads of the postal clerks after which he

escaped.

Murray Grocery, 505 N. Oregon. Ph. 1711

Dr. Byers, dentist, over Union Cloth Co.

Est at Bolton's, 210 N. Stanton.

Walter Killa Employer.

San Francisco, Calif., May 22.—Ex-

amination was being made today to determine the sanity of Charles Koller, a waiter who shot and killed William

Martin, his former employer, in a crowded cafe late Monday night. Mar-

tin was seated at a table with his wife when Koller, who recently had been

discharged by Martin, crept up behind him and fired two shots through his

head.

Mexican rent collections, Lee Newman.

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